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SUBJECT: VALENTIN P. FOMENKO: SOVIET DIPLOMAT/ESPIONAGE AGENT

1. ACCRA INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "PALAVER" JANUARY 23 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE STORY ANNOUNCING ARREST BY GHANAIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF VALENTIN P. FOMENKO, FIRST SECRETARY, SOVIET EMBASSY, ACCRA, FOR ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS STATUS AS A DIPLOMAT. FOMENKO ARRESTED JANUARY 21 IN ACT OF RECEIVING QUOTE TOP SECRET UNQUOTE PAPERS FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED GHANA ARMY OFFICER NEAR ACCRA'S RACE TRACK. PALAVER'S "IRREPROACHABLE SOURCE" STATED THAT GHANAIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD FOMENKO UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR OVER A YEAR. FOMENKO RELEASED TO SOVIET EMBASSY LATE JANUARY 21 FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIONS BY HIS AMBASSADOR. PALAVER STATES GHANA GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED INDIGNATION OVER INCIDENT AND REQUESTED WITHDRAWAL OF FOMENKO WITHIN 72 HOURS. HADSEL

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